

HOWREY
SIMON
ARNOLD
& WHITE

HOWREY
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

June 3, 2003



1299 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20004-2402
PHONE 202.783.0800
FAX 202.383.6610
A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

MICHAEL J. BELL
PARTNER
202.383.6500
bellm@howrey.com

Mail Stop Patent Application

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/972,565
Filed: October 5, 2001
For: **Support Arrangement for Semi-Membrane Tank Walls**
Inventor: Marc Edward Enright, Jr.
Attorney Docket No. **02317.0006.NPUS00**

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
3. Check No. 394035 in amount of \$930.00; and
4. Return Receipt Postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing the above docket number. *A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Bell (Reg. No. 39,604)

Enclosures

RECEIVED
JUN 06 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700